



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 759**

January Session, 2013

Substitute Senate Bill No. 360

*Senate, May 8, 2013*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDER ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) The Department of  
2      Public Health shall develop programs to educate the relevant medical  
3      community and the general public, and promote research on, pediatric  
4      autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal  
5      infections. Such programs shall include, but need not be limited to: (1)  
6      Review of existing epidemiological studies of pediatric autoimmune  
7      neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections  
8      within this state; and (2) the establishment of a panel consisting of  
9      volunteer experts in the clinical and research communities on the  
10     diagnosis, care and treatment of pediatric autoimmune  
11     neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections, to  
12     (A) assist with the development of practice guidelines for such  
13     diagnosis, care and treatment in this state, and (B) develop science-  
14     based guidelines for the diagnosis, care and treatment of pediatric

- 15 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal  
16 infections with the National Institute of Mental Health and the Centers  
17 for Disease Control and Prevention.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
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***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In sections 1(1), (2) and (2)(B), the phrase "pediatric neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections" was changed to "pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections", for accuracy and internal consistency.

***APP***      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Public (DPH) from requiring the agency to (1) review existing epidemiological studies of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) and (2) establish a volunteer panel of PANDAS experts to assist in the development of certain PANDAS-related guidelines. While the bill is effective 10/1/13, there is no requirement as to when these responsibilities must be fulfilled by DPH.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 360*****AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDER ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop programs to educate the medical community and general public and promote research on pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS).

These programs must include:

1. a review of existing epidemiological studies of PANDAS within Connecticut and
2. establishing a volunteer panel of PANDAS experts in the clinical and research communities to help develop (a) practice guidelines for the diagnosis, care, and treatment of PANDAS in the state and (b) science-based guidelines for the diagnosis, care, and treatment of PANDAS with the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

**BACKGROUND*****Legislative History***

The Senate referred the bill (File 411) to the Appropriations Committee, which reported a substitute that eliminates the provision requiring DPH's PANDAS programs to include (1) clinical awareness programs for physicians and (2) information outreach programs for

teachers and the general public. It also requires a volunteer expert panel, instead of a newly established state liaison, to develop science-based PANDAS guidelines with the NIMH and CDC.

***Related Bill***

SB 956 (File 72), favorably reported by the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, requires (1) DPH to develop similar PANDAS programs and (2) certain health insurance policies to cover the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

## Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    25    Nay   0    (03/25/2013)

## Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea    48    Nay   0    (04/30/2013)